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## BULLETIN

(SUB FOR 24)

TEHRAN ANNOUNCES ABORTIVE U.S. RESCUE ATTEMPT

LO250944 TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN 0934 GMT 25 APR 80

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*from Reuter*

(TEXT) THE WHITE HOUSE IN WASHINGTON TODAY ISSUED A STATEMENT ANNOUNCING THAT A MILITARY ATTEMPT TO RELEASE THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN TEHRAN FAILED DUE TO A TECHNICAL FAULT. IN THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT, IT IS SAID THAT TWO AMERICAN MILITARY PLANES COLLIDED ON A REMOTE IRANIAN AIRFIELD AND EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE CREW WERE KILLED.

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24PM-IRAN-LEAD!!!! URGENT (R-179) \*

TEHERAN, IRAN, APRIL 25: REUTER -- THE OFFICIAL PARS NEWS AGENCY CARRIED AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT TODAY THAT THE WRECKAGE OF AN AIRCRAFT WAS SPOTTED NEAR TABAS IN EASTERN KORASAN PROVINCE AND SAID IT MIGHT BE THAT OF AN AMERICAN PLANE.

THE AGENCY REPORTED THAT A LOCAL DRIVER SAID TODAY HE HAD SIGHTED THE WRECKAGE BUT IT DID NOT SAY WHEN.

THE DESPATCH DID NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION THE ABORTIVE U.S. RESCUE OPERATION FOR THE TEHERAN HOSTAGES IN WHICH THE WHITE HOUSE SAID TODAY THAT TWO AIRCRAFT WERE LOST.

BUT A PARS SPOKESMAN SAID THE STORY WAS ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPORTED RESCUE BID AND CONFIRMED THAT THE REPORT OF THE SIGHTING HAD BEEN RECEIVED BEFORE THE NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

ONE GOVERNMENT ... PICKING UP 3RD GRAFI  
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0946 - NATO SYMPATHETIC OVER US RESCUE BID:

BRUSSELS, APRIL 25 - NATO ALLIES OF THE US MOVED SYMPATHY OVER THE ABORTIVE US ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THE TEHERAN HOSTAGES, A NATO SPOKESMAN SAID.

DURING A ROUTINE MEETING OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE'S COUN-

L, THE US AMBASSADOR TO NATO INFORMED THE ALLIES OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT, HE SAID.

SEVERAL AMBASSADORS, APPROVED BY ALL THEIR COLLEAGUES, EXPRESSED THEIR COMPREHENSION AND SYMPATHY FOR THE US POSITION.

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